**Reconstitution of ICHR**

3430. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ICHR has been reconstituted with new members;

(b) if so, the names of members and the details of credentials of each member of the council;

(c) whether Government are aware of the criticism by eminent historians on the inclusion of certain members in the council;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted in selecting the members; and

(e) whether Government would review ICHR decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As per Memorandum of Association and Rules of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) the term of the office of the Council shall be three years. Historians are nominated by the Government of India as members of the Council. On completion of its tenure the Council was reconstituted in February 2002. Composition of the Council of ICHR is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) There were some comments in the Press about inclusion of Dr. N.S. Rajaram, Bangalore as a member of the Council. Subsequently Dr. N.S. Rajaram expressed his inability to accept the membership of the Council and his nomination was withdrawn by the Government of India.

***Statement***

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**Composition of the Council of ICHR**

1. Professor M.G.S. Narayan, **Chairman**
   (Former Professor Calicut University).
2. Prof. Makkhan Lal, Director, Delhi Institute of Heritage Research and Management.
3. Prof. D.N. Tripathi (Retired Professor and Head of Deptt., Ancient History and Archaeology, Gorakhpur University).
4. Prof. G.P. Singh, Department of History, University of Manipur.
5. Prof. V.D. Mishra, Head, Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad.

6. Prof. Dilbagh Singh, Chairperson, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU.
7. Prof. A.R. Khan, (Former Head of Department of History, H.P. University, Shimla).
8. Prof. Gyanendra Khurana, Head of Department of History, Kurukshetra University.
9. Prof. K.S. Mathew, Department of History, Pondicherry University.
10. Prof. Satish Mittal, (Retired Professor and Head of Deptt. of History, Kurukshetra University).
11. Prof. Hari Om, Professor of Modern History, University of Jammu.
12. Prof. Sudarshan Rao, Department of History, Kakatiya University, Warangal.
13. Dr. Devangana Desai, Editor, Journal of the Asiatic Society.
14. Prof. Suchibrata Sen, Professor and Head, Deptt. of History, Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan.
15. Prof. R.S. Bisht, Director, Archaeological Survey of India.
16. Prof. S.N. Sahay, Head, Deptt. of Asian History, Magadh University.
17. Prof. B.B. Lal (Former Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India).
18. Representative of the University Grants Commission.
19. Director-General, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi-110001.
20. Director-General, National Archives of India, New Delhi-110001.
21. Secretary, Department of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development or his/her nominee not below the level of Joint Secretary.
22. Secretary, Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Culture or his/her nominee not below the level of Joint Secretary.
23. Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development.
24. Director, Anthropological Survey of India, Indian Museum, 27, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Kolkata.
25. Dr. R.C. Agarwal, Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Historical Research, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110001.